

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 375 Date 3/15/88

Full name MARK E. HILLS
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City WATKINS GLEN State NY ZIP Code 14891

Date of Birth 12/2/58 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion DEB Nationality AMERICAN

Occupation SERVICE MANAGER, FORD DEALERSHIP

Education HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Weight 5'8" Height 150 Race CAUC

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes GREEN

Outstanding characteristics or interests DISC Jockey OUTDOORS

Married or single MARRIED Children [REDACTED]
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections _____ Chartered organization OLIVE BRANCH GRANGE

Unit No. 79 City MORLAND State NY Position JM Date registered 1/3/88 Date resigned 3/14/88

Special recognition DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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MAR 23 1988

F. STARON

MAY 13 '88
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council SULLIVAN TRAIL #375

Hills gets one-year program

Counseling, community service
for admitted abuser of teen

By WAYNE T. PRICE
Star Gazette

Mark Hills will receive counseling and community service for his guilty plea to third-degree sodomy in Genesee County.

The agreement that includes one counseling and community service was approved Thursday afternoon by Genesee County Judge Glen R. Monahan.

Hills, a former Boy Scout leader, was charged with sexually molesting and sodomizing a Schuyler County Boy Scout, then 14 years old, during a September 1988 outing at Barton Lake.

Hills currently is serving a three-year sentence at the Schuyler County Jail after admitting he sexually molested three boys in his Troop 13, Moreland. He was sentenced on those charges a year ago.

The family of the victim in the Genesee County case also accepted the one-year agreement, said Dennis Worman, director of Genesee County's Victims Assistance and Community Service

Programs.

"There's a very serious matter from our perspective," Worman said.

The agreement calls for Hills to meet several stipulations, including evaluations and counseling, 120 hours of community service, upon checks to his residence by the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department and payments of \$500 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Also, Hills will be restricted from any association with anyone under 18 years old unless accompanied by his wife or John Johnson, his court-appointed sponsor who is also chaplain at the Schuyler County Jail.

The restriction order also includes his own children.

The program ends Dec. 11, 1990, at which time the court will decide on his sentencing, Worman said.

Hills was originally sentenced to be sentenced in September, but sentencing was postponed two times for various reasons.

David Davis
From Keith Dwygott
JE Council 575
Jan 2, 1991
Re: Hills case filed
Jan - 1991

RISK MANAGEMENT

JAN 02 1991

Keeping you
UPDATED. There
are Charges
pending from
another County.

RETRO EDITION

RECRUITING
DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT 1B

SHOW TODAY
12:00-5:00 PM
LOW \$5-2A

WEDNESDAY
Tomorrow 12-1983

The first Gannett newspaper



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**Utility
restores
service
in Elmira**

By JIM PFIFFER
Star-Gazette

New York State Electric and Gas Corp. restored service Tuesday.

Rimco begins digging out



STAR-GAZETTE

Elmira, New York

35 CENTS

Hills gets 3-year term

Former scoutmaster's lawyer plans to appeal jail sentence

By BILL MORGAN
Writing Glen Bureau

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Hills, given a second opportunity to show remorse, slowly stood up at the defense table and said, "I'm sorry for everything I've done."

Then about 90 seconds of silence fell over the courtroom as Callanan shifted his notes before rendering a decision.

Afterward, Hills retreated to a small chamber off the side of the courtroom to spend some final moments alone with his wife, Patricia, and his three small children. Then he was handcuffed by sheriff's deputies and escorted to jail. He had been free

for about 14 days. Hills was sentenced to three years in the Schuylers County Jail Tuesday for sexually abusing three Boy Scouts in his troop.

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Hills

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"These boys, coming to manhood earnestly and innocently, entrusted themselves to this individual," Odenthal said.

Hills' lawyer, Raymond M. Schlather of Ithaca, called the sentence excessive and said he will appeal. "I think a sentence of this kind does not deal with the problem," Schlather said.

During a two-hour pre-sen-

on \$5,000 bail since he was arrested March 12.

The sentence amounts to three consecutive one-year jail terms for each of the victims Hills admitted abusing. On Oct. 30, Hills admitted to two felony counts of third-degree sodomy and one misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child. Two of the boys are now 16. The third is 14.

Hills was spared a prison term of two to eight years, which was recommended by special prosecutor Grover Odenthal of Watkins Glen.

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tence hearing a Philadelphia-area psychologist retained by Hills testified on his behalf, recommended probation and two to three years of outpatient therapy.

Dr. Gerald Cooke of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., chief psychologist at Norristown State Hospital, characterized Hills as a person with high intelligence and low self-esteem. "His emotions are threatening to him," Cooke said. "He has difficulty sharing his feelings with others."



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Continued
STARS IN

ELMER N.T.
MARK HILLS



OCT 21/1988

DEAR PAUL:

ENCLOSES PLEASE FIND THE LATEST
NEWS ARTICLE FOR YOUR RECORDS. I WILL
KEEP YOU INFORMED ON ANY FURTHER
NEWS.



I AM DEALING WITH THE SITUATION
AND WILL CORRECT THE SITUATION.

Thanks for the help

Keith Daugherty

FRIDAY

October 2, 1988

The first Gannett newspaper

Elmira, New York



es High, low, outlook

World (yesterday)

Kansas City /88/42/clr	Barbados /88/72/cdy
Las Vegas /80/57/clr	Beijing /88/48/clr
Little Rock /74/50/clr	Beirut /M/M/M
Los Angeles /83/84/cdy	Berlin /55/45/cdy
Louisville /59/41/clr	Bermuda /80/71/clr
Miami Beach /85/71/cdy	Brussels /81/43/m
Milwaukee /63/37/cdy	Calao /81/63/clr
Mpls-St Paul /58/33/cdy	Frankfurt /83/64/m
Nashville /88/44/clr	Geneva /63/55/cdy
New Orleans /78/84/clr	Jerusalem /79/54/clr
Norfolk, Va. /80/50/cdy	London /83/57/clr
Oklahoma City /79/48/clr	Madrid /84/48/clr
Omaha /72/38/clr	Mexico City /73/50/clr
Orlando /83/66/cdy	Montreal /45/28/clr
Portland Maine /47/40/m	Nassau /85/73/cdy
Raleigh /84/45/cdy	Paris /71/52/m
St Louis /84/42/clr	

aster pleads guilty in sex case

Town of Dix, told the Schuyler County Court.

Under a plea-bargain agreement, Hills admitted two felony counts of third-degree sodomy and one misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child. Two of the boys are now 16. The third is 14.

Judge John P. Callanan scheduled sentencing for Nov. 15 at 9:30 a.m. Hills remains free on \$5,000 cash bail.

The mother of one of the victims said the outcome spares her son the ordeal of a trial, which would have started today. "In a small town like this, the kids would be ripped apart,"

she said.

Hills was indicted July 8 on 21 felonies and seven misdemeanors, alleging sexual abuse over the last four years. The victims were ages 15, 14 and 13 at the time. The former scoutmaster of Troop 79 of Moreland was suspended in March by the Sullivan Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

About 10 relatives and friends accompanied Hills to court, some hugging him immediately before the proceedings began.

"I'm not saying he's innocent, but he's not as guilty as some people are saying," said Mary Cole of Montour Falls, Hills' mother-in-law.

Fred Kellogg, 18, of Beaver Dam, a member of the troop, said he still believes Hills is innocent. "He's like a father to everybody," he said.

Kellogg's mother, Marcia, who has another son in the troop, said Hills is being treated unfairly. "He's a man of very high standards," she said.

Each of the felony counts carries a minimum sentence of probation and a maximum sentence of four years in state prison. The misdemeanor count carries a sentence of up to one year in the county jail.

Special prosecutor Grover Odenthal said he will ask for a sentence of 2 to 8 years in prison. "After two years, See GUILTY/2A

Guilty

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he'll be eligible for parole," Odenthal said.

Hills' attorney, Raymond Schlather of Ithaca, said he will ask that his client be spared a prison term. "A sentence of probation and counseling is far more just," he said.

Earlier this month, Callanan dismissed the most serious charges — three felony counts of second-degree sodomy — because they did not contain enough information. But he granted the

prosecutor the option to refile them.

Odenthal said he agreed not to present the more serious charges to another grand jury as part of the plea-bargain agreement reached Wednesday.

On Thursday, Callanan dismissed the remaining charges contained in the indictment.

Third-degree sodomy involves a person under 17. Second-degree sodomy involves a person under 14, and carries a maximum sentence of seven years.

7/1/78
From KEITH L. DOUGLASS

DEAR PAUL.

ENCLOSED ARE NEWS
ARTICLES CONCERNING THE
CHARK HILLS INVESTIGATION.

ONE LOCAL TV STATION
INTERVIEWED ME ON 7/1 AT
WHICH I ATTEMPTED TO
EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE AND
CONCENTRATE ON OUR YOUTH
PROTECTION PROGRAM.

REGARDS,
KEITH DOUGLASS

Ex-scoutmaster faces new sex charge

By BILL MORGAN

WALKINS Glen Bureau Chief
WATKINS GLEN — Mark E. Hills, a former Schuyler County scoutmaster, was charged by state police in Batavia Thursday with sodomizing a Scout in his troop during a 1986 trip.

Hills, 29, of Route 414, Town of Dix, was arraigned in Town of Darien Court Thursday afternoon on two felony counts of third-degree sodomy. Hills was scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 79 of Moreland at the time of the incidents, which allegedly occurred during a Scout camping trip to Darien Lake Fun Country near Batavia Sept. 13-14, 1986.

Justice Eric Randall set bail at \$1,000 cash or \$2,000 property bond.

A spokesman for the Genesee County Sheriff's Department in Batavia said Hills posted bail late Thursday.

Hills' attorney, Raymond M. Schlaathner of Ithaca, said his client voluntarily surrendered himself Thursday. The attorney declined comment.

The alleged incidents involved a Scout who was 14 years old at the time, said John W. Anna, senior investigator with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation at state police Troop A headquarters

in Batavia. The investigation is continuing, Anna said.

Hills was suspended as a scoutmaster March 14 of this year, said Keith Douglass, Scout executive with the Sullivan Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of

America of which Troop 79 is part.

Hills was informed of the suspension by letter, which Douglass said he delivered to Hills by hand. "He (Hills) is no longer a scoutmaster as of the moment I delivered the letter," Douglass said.

Council takes preventive steps

The Boys Scouts of America has implemented a policy to prevent sexual abuse of its members.

Keith L. Douglass, scout executive with the Elmira-based Sullivan Trail Council, said the policy was in place before charges were brought against Mark E. Hills, former scoutmaster of Moreland Troop 79 in Schuyler County.

The policy stipulates:

■ At least two adults must be present at all Scout functions.

■ During camping trips and outings at remote areas, at least four adults must be present at all times.

"We're shocked and appalled, ob-

viously," Douglass said of the charges against Hills. Hills is charged with sodomizing a Scout on a trip to Darien Lake in September 1986.

Douglass said the camping trip was sanctioned by his office, but he couldn't comment on whether policy was followed.

Scout leaders are trained to detect sexual abuse and what to do when allegations of sexual abuse are made, Douglass said.

"It's not to say it's foolproof," Douglass said. "It's just to say it's a policy, and I will be here to maintain that policy."

Hills had been scoutmaster of Troop 79 since January 1978, Douglass said. There are 22 Scouts in the troop.

The suspension came two days after eight felony counts of third-degree sodomy and two misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child were filed against Hills.

Those charges, filed by Sgt. Philip C. Barnes of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department, are still pending. They allege that Hills had "deviate sexual intercourse with a person less than 17 years old." In May 1986, March 1987 and last January in the Watkins Glen-Montour Falls area.

It could not be confirmed Thursday night whether those alleged incidents involved the same Scout. The name of the Scout has not been released.

Grovet J. Odenthal, a Watkins Glen area lawyer appointed to prosecute the case, said the charges filed March 12 will be presented to grand jury next Friday. He declined to elaborate.

Schuyler County District Attorney Stewart E. McDivitt said Odenthal was appointed when McDivitt disqualified himself because a relative of Hills works for him.

Saturday

July 9, 1988

STAR- GAZETTE

Ex-Scoutmaster is indicted in Schuyler County

Sex offenses charged

By BILL MORGAN

Watkins Glen Bureau Chief

WATKINS GLEN — Mark E. Hills, a former local scoutmaster, was indicted by a Schuyler County grand jury Friday on 23 counts alleging he had deviate sexual intercourse with three Boy Scouts within the last four years.

Hills, 29, of Route 414, Town of Dix, is scheduled to be arraigned before Schuyler County Judge John P. Callanan Monday at 9:30 a.m. He is free on \$5,000 bail.

The indictment charges Hills with the following:

- 18 counts of third-degree sodomy, a class E felony.
- Three counts of second-degree sodomy, a class D felony.
- Five counts of third-degree sexual abuse, a misdemeanor.
- Two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

(See Indicted on Page 5A)

Indicted

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Hills could not be reached for comment. His attorney, Raymond M. Schlather of Ithaca, said Friday night that he had not yet seen the indictment, but added: "I can assure you that his (Hills') plea will be not guilty. Other than that, I have no comment."

Hills was Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 79 of Moreland from January 1978 until last March 14, when he was suspended, according to Keith Douglass, Scout executive with the Sullivan Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 79 is part of that council.

Grover Odenthal, a Watkins Glen area lawyer appointed to prosecute the case, declined comment.

The indictments followed an investigation by Sgt. Philip C. Barnes of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department.

Two of the Scouts, who were 12 years old when the incidents first occurred, are now 16, Barnes said. The third is 14, Barnes said. Their identities have not been made public.

The incidents allegedly occurred between August 1984 and March of this year, according to the indictment.

According to the indictment, Hills "did engage in regular and repeated acts of deviate sexual intercourse, amounting to two or three times each week, with (boy's name is deleted), 12 years of age," during August, September and October 1984 in a wooded area behind Hills' home.

Another incident, also involving a boy who was 12 at the time, is alleged to have occurred sometime between Jan. 17, 1985 and March 3, 1985 at the Moreland Grange in the Town of Dix.

Other incidents allegedly occurred during 1986 and 1987 at Camp Moreland on Catlin Hill Road in the Town of Dix. Others allegedly occurred in February of this year at the Watkins Glen Community Center.

Hills also faces two counts of third-degree sodomy in Genesee County. State police at Batavia filed those charges June 30, alleging that Hills had deviate sexual intercourse with a Scout, who was 14 at the time, during a 1986 camping trip to Darien Lake Fun Country.

Genesee County District Attorney Robert C. Noonan said Friday the charges will be presented to a grand jury in four to six weeks.

The state Penal Law defines second-degree sodomy as deviate sexual intercourse committed by a person older than 18 with another person less than 14 years old. Each count is punishable by either a sentence of probation or a prison term of up to seven years.

Third-degree sodomy is defined as deviate sexual intercourse committed by a person 21 or older with another person less than 17. Each count is punishable by a sentence of probation or a prison term of up to four years.

Each misdemeanor count is punishable by a fine or a jail term of up to one year.



Sullivan Trail Council, Inc.

Boy Scouts of America
Roricks Glen, Box 3095 • Elmira, New York 14905
[REDACTED]

July 1, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst 6108
Director Registration Division
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152072
Irving, Texas 75015

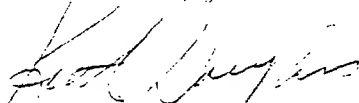
Dear Paul,

Enclosed please find a copy of news article concerning Mark Hills. The newspaper contacted me a result of Mr. Hills second arrest resulting from a Troop campout in 1986.

I consulted with both my council's attorney and our National attorney Mr. Park, who was very helpful. He might be interested in reading the article.

Any additional information will be forwarded to you of course. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Keith L. Douglass
Scout Executive



SERVING THE YOUTH OF CHEMUNG AND SCHUYLER COUNTIES



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"Kalle's scope of 'Kollektibles,'" a museum of residents' treasured belongings, Thursday at the Reihany Center Summer Festival

BY HILL MORGAN

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May 16, 1988

Keith L. Douglass
Scout Executive
Sullivan Trail Council, No. 375

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mark E. Hillis

Dear Keith:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

PE/eko

cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE
MAY 16 1988
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF020676

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 375

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: KEITH DOUGLASS

POSITION: S.E.

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

SM. MARK HILLS - DELETED

Comm
TROOP ME ON 3-23-88 SE. COUNCIL SMITH.

MORE YOUTH INVOLVED
ONE YOUTH TALKED TO SE

PROBLEMS

1. COUNSELLING - REFERRED TO DEPT
TOLD SCOUTS THAT YOUR STORY AFFECTS
A LIFE

SMITH if MOLESTED
boy

SE. SEND INFO
INDIVIDUAL
THIS

[REDACTED]

NAME P. Smith

DATE 3-24-88

TIME _____

R/S-433

3/13/86-clf-567r

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SCOUTING/USA

Sullivan Trail Council, Inc.

Boy Scouts of America

Roricks Glen, Box 3095 • Elmira, New York 14905

March 14, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernest
 Director Registration Service
 Boy Scouts of America
 National Council
 1325 Walnut Hill Lane
 P.O. Box 152079
 Irving, Texas, 75015 - 2079

Dear Paul:

I received a phone call Sunday Morning, the 13th of March from a former Scouter in our Council, Mr. David Seidel, who informed me that the Schuyler County NY, Sheriff Dept. had arrested Mr. Mark Hills on suspicion of sexual child abuse. Mr. Hills is Scoutmaster of Troop 79 sponsored by the Olive Branch Grange and the allegation involve two boys, both Scouts in his troop.

At this point it is unclear whether the alleged incidents occurred during Scouting activities. You will receive the arrest report and any other information pertinent to the investigation as it is made available to me.

I have notified our legal counsel, and director and met with my council president. Monday evening, our president and I will visit with the troop, representatives of the Grange and parents to help them in keeping the troop together and to find a new leader. You will receive additional documentation as it is made available to me.

Thank you again for your help in this unfortunate occurrence.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Douglass
 Scout Executive

3/15
 DEAR PAUL -

All Documentation is enclosed.

Meeting with parents went well. Measures have been taken to safeguard against future occurrences & to insure that the troop program continues uninterrupted.

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SERVING THE YOUTH OF CHEMUNG AND SCHUYLER COUNTIES



CONF020678

► Schuyler men charged

WATKINS GLEN — Two Watkins Glen RD 2 men were charged with sodomy in separate incidents Saturday by the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department.

James E. Sutton, 52, of Route 414, Watkins Glen, was charged with first-degree sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse by Sgt. Phillip Barnes. Sutton was charged for allegedly having sexual conduct with a young child for whom he was caring March 11 in the Town of Dix.

Sutton was arraigned before Town of Dix Justice Alan Gregory and committed to the Schuyler County Jail in lieu of \$6,000 cash bail or \$12,000 bail bond.

Mark E. Hills, 29, of Route 414, Watkins Glen, was charged with third-degree sodomy and endangering the welfare of a child. Barnes charged that Hills had sexual conduct with a youth under the age of 17 over the last two years. In the course of the investigation, Barnes learned that Hills may have had sexual conduct with a second youth resulting in the endangering the welfare of a minor charge.

Hills was arraigned before Town of Reading Justice Peter Pevo and committed to the Schuyler County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Local

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SCOUTING/USA

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouting and Explorer Programs

Sullivan Trail Council, Inc.

Boy Scouts of America

Roricks Glen, Box 3095 • Elmira, New York 14905

March 14, 1988

Mr. Mark Hills

Watkins Glen, NY 14891


Dear Mark,

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be ~~suspended~~. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely, Yours,


Peter M. Collins
Council President



SERVING THE YOUTH OF CHEMUNG AND SCHUYLER COUNTIES



CONF020680

NAME: Hitts MARK
(Last) (First)

(Middle)

AKA:

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Former Address: 117 414 S
AGE: 29
DOB: 12/02/58 CITIZEN: USA
SEX: (M) F Any other info.:
RACE: CAY Beard: Y (N)
HEIGHT: 5'8" Mustache: Y (N)
WEIGHT: 150 Hispanic: Y (N)
EYES: Green Can you read and
HAIR: Brown write English: (Y) N
S.S.N.: [REDACTED]
POB: IN07, PA
PHONE: [REDACTED]

(MARRIED) SINGLE, SEPARATED, DIVORCED

RELIGION: Prot., Catholic, Other: DFB

HIGHEST EDUCATION: 12th GRAD

PHYSICAL DEFECTS, SCARS, ETC: [REDACTED]

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: [REDACTED]

CHILDREN: [REDACTED]

PARENT'S Name & Address: [REDACTED]

USES: Tobacco NO Alcohol NO
Drugs NO Medication NO

EMPLOYED YES IDLE [REDACTED] OCCUPATION, TRAINING, SKILL Security Manager
EMPLOYER PAST OR PRESENT Shenandoah Falls

***** CRIMINAL INFORMATION *****

CHARGE	SECTION	LAW	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF Arrest
1. Sodomy-3rd 8ct	130.4-2	Penal	3/12/88	16:15	CCSO
2. Endangering the welfare	260.10-1	Penal	3/12/88	16:15	CCSO
3. of a child 2ct					

Place of crime: ---sameous location--- Date: 3/12/88

Arrested by: Sgt PC Barnes Authority: Went, Sum, AT

Judge: [REDACTED] Committed: (Yes) No How released: 5/1/11

Bail: \$1000⁰⁰ Sentence: [REDACTED] Fine: [REDACTED] A/P: [REDACTED]

Next Court date: 3-16-88 Time: 7PM

I, Mark Edward Hills am 29 years of age. I was born on December 2, 1958 and I presently reside at [REDACTED] Watkins Glen NY. I am employed at Specchio Ford in Watkins Glen NY. I have graduated from High School. I am giving this statement to Schuyler Co Sheriff's Sergeant Philip C. Barnes on my own free will and accord. This will be a question and answer type statement with the letter "Q" denoting a question asked to me by Barnes and the letter "A" will denote my answer to the question.

Q: Were you advised of your rights by me earlier?

A: Yes I was.

Q: Did you understand your rights?

A: Yes.

Q: Did I read them to you from a form?

A: Yes.

Q: Did I put down your answers to several questions on that form?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you also read that form and part of it out loud to me?

A: Yes I did.

Q: [REDACTED]
A: [REDACTED]
Q: Were any threats or promises made to you regarding your talking to me about Sexual Abuse with [REDACTED] or your giving me this statement?

A: No sir.

Q: Did you sign the form after reading it?

A: Yes I did.

Q: And were you willing to talk to me then without the aid of an attorney?

A: Yes

Q: Do you know [REDACTED]?

A: Yes, he is fifteen.

Q: How long have you known him?

A: Approximately four years I'd say.

Q: Did there come a time when certain acts of sexual abuse started between you and [REDACTED]?

A: Yes sir.

Q: How long ago was that?

A: Approximately two years ago now.

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Q: Whereabouts were you when this happened and what exactly happened?

A: We were at Camp Moreland off of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as in my tent I guess because his tent was soaking wet. I remember waking up after sleeping a couple of hours and my hand was over on his penis, and I got my bearings and drew my hand back, and then I was just laying there for a while, and [REDACTED] reached back over and pulled my hand back over to his penis, this probably happened three or four times that night. I didn't have oral sex with him that night. I don't remember it happening again that weekend.

Q: Did [REDACTED] feel your penis that night also?

A: Yes, he did, I don't recall how many times.

Q: When was the next time?

A: Probably sometime in May, at the Montour Marina, that time we got a little more involved, we touched each other's penis's and I think that is when the oral sex started, [REDACTED] would suck on my penis and it was about the third incident before I started to suck on his.

Q: Where was the third incident at?

A: It didn't always happen every camp out.

Q: How about an incident at Darian Lake in September of 1986?

A: The boys got out of school half a day early, we went to Darian Lake and camped both Friday and Saturday nights. [REDACTED] was in another tent and I think on the Saturday night again, [REDACTED] came over to my tent and stayed that night. We touched each other's penis's and he had oral sex

[REDACTED]

Q: When was the next time?

A: It would have been a year ago now, it was at my house, [REDACTED] had spent the night because we were leaving early in the morning to go to Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] was sleeping on the couch that makes into a bed, I went out and got in bed with him and we touched each other's penis's and [REDACTED] sucked on my penis and I did the same to him. After that we got around and went to Pennsylvania.

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A: (continued) happen, we would go into a bathroom and we both would take down our own pants and touch each others and he usually would suck on my penis first, and then I then once in a while I would suck on his.

Q: When was the last time that this happened at the Grange Hall?

A: It was before our Klondike Derby, that was the 1st week of February, so it would have happened either the 18th or the 25th of January.

Q: Was there also an incident on [REDACTED] in your Blazer?

A: Yes sir, It would probably have been the 27th of January, the other incident would have been the 18th, I was taking [REDACTED] home, I turned off Rt 414 onto the Coykendall Road, and parked along the road, it was about 8:30 at night. At that time I started feeling him, and he started feeling me, and he started on me first, but he sucked on my penis and then I sucked on his, he was laying out between the bucket seats and his head was on the back seat. After that I took him to where he was staying at the time on [REDACTED].

Q: What about an incident at the Watkins Glen Community Center?

A: That was the most recent one, it would have been February 27, 1988.

[REDACTED] met me down there, he wanted to help me set up for a dance we were having. After everything was all set up, then we just started doing the same thing again, we just started feeling each other up, and [REDACTED] sucked on me, but I didnt suck on him, I said lets get going.

Q: Where in the Community Center did this happen?

A: Back in where they keep the tables and chairs, like a utility room.

Q: Was there a time where [REDACTED] almost caught you and [REDACTED] in the Grange Hall?

A: That would have been the last incident at the Grange, the 18th of January

Q: Would you ejaculate when [REDACTED] sucked on your penis?

A: Not usually.

Q: Would he ejaculate when you sucked on his?

A: No.

Q: Did he ever mention that it hurt him to have an erection?

A: No sir.

Q: How often would you say that [REDACTED] has sucked on your penis?

A: 8, maybe 9 times.

Q: How many times did you suck on his penis?

[REDACTED]

Q: Did you do it for your own gratification?

A: It didnt start out that way, there was a couple of times that it did, but towards the end, I just wanted to get away from it.

Q: Did [REDACTED] call you on the telephone last night and again today and discuss these events with you?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Did you talk to him about them?

A: As much as I could.

Q: Have you done somethings with [REDACTED] that were wrong?

A: We have, [REDACTED] and I have camped together several times, and yes I have touched his penis, and he has touched mine.

Q: When was the last incident?

A: Would have been a camp out on March 4, 5, and 6th at Skyline on the Drew Road. We were tenting together and we would get wrestling around and he would poke me , I have knowingly touched his penis, like Friday night while we were in the sleeping bags and I touched his penis with my hands and he touched mine.

Q: Did you have oral sex with him?

A: No sir, that has never happened with him.

Q: When did this start with [REDACTED]?

A: Just I havent had anything going on like with [REDACTED] but I have wrestled around with [REDACTED], but the time last week was the first that it was like with [REDACTED]

Q: Is there anyone else that this has happened with?

A: No sir.

Q: How about with your own children?

A: No sir.

Q: Do you know that what you were doing was illegal with [REDACTED] also?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Who is responsible for these acts?

A: I am, because I am an adult and I should know better.

Q: What would you like to see happen as a result of this?

A: [REDACTED]

A: No sir.

Q: Has your rights been violated in any way?

A: No sir.

Q: Could you have had an attorney at anytime that you wanted one?

A: Yes.

Q: And have you or anyone else requested one from me or anyone else of the Schuyler Co Sheriff's Dept?

A: No sir.

- Q: Did you voluntarily come to this office to talk to me?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Have any threats or promises been made to you regarding your talking to me or giving me this statement?

A: No sir.

Q: Have you also been allowed to have coffee or beverage, or asked of food and been denied it?

A: No, I have had coffee.

Q: Are you under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

A: No sir.

Q: Is there anything else? Did you force or threaten either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

A: No, sir.

I have read this statement consisting of five pages and the facts contained herein are true and correct. I have been told and I understand that making a false written statement is punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Law.

Affirmed under the penalty of perjury
this 12th day of March 1988

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